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BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS

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1. ON REFLECTION, WONDER WHETHER IT IS A GOOD IDEA FOR
SIILASVUO TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER PRIOR TO HIS UNDER-
TAKING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SYRIANS. SIILASVUO'S PRESENCE
IN BEIRUT WILL BE ONE OF HIGH VISIBILITY AND ANY MEETING
WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELL REPORTED BY
THE MEDIA. THIS COULD PLACE SIILASVUO AND UN IN
LIGHT OF APPEARING AS ERRAND BOYS FOR US.

2. WILL ATTEMPT TO SEE SIILASVUO MARCH 24 TO FILL HIM IN
ON AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH HOSS (BEIRUT 1576). I
COULD ALSO PASS ALONG ANY OTHER INFORMATION FROM BEIRUT,
DAMASCUS OR THE DEPARTMENT.

3. SIILASVUO HAS AGREED TO SEE ME LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 25
ON HIS RETURN FROM DAMASCUS FOR A READOUT.

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4. RE SUGGESTION PARA FOUR BEIRUT 1577, I AM CERTAIN
SIILASVUO WOULD CONSIDER MEETING WITH SARKIS WOULD ADD
ADDITIONAL WEIGHT TO HIS PRESENTATION IN DAMASCUS. HIS
NORMAL LEVEL OF CONTACT IS AT FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER
LEVEL. THEREFORE, INITIATIVE FOR SARKIS MEETING
WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM GOL.

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